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GIPSA Settles a Case with Interstate Regional Stockyards, Inc., Ralph Rutz and Jim Hurst Resulting in a \$1,000 Penalty

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12, 2015 – Interstate Regional Stockyards, Inc., Ralph Rutz and Jim Hurst, Cuba, Mo., waived their right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), and agreed to pay a penalty of \$1,000 after GIPSA found that they failed to pay, when due, for livestock.

GIPSA enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the P&S Act. GIPSA may offer alleged violators the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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